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Health care is a lifeline for individuals with disabilities, whose health needs are often long-term and encompass not only medical services but a range of supports. State Medicaid programs are at the forefront of serving those with disabilities, and are leading the way on funding services that support choice and independent living. This briefing will identify key issues in health policy and disability, and will profile innovative state developments.

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